CLAIMS

1.   A hypermedia editing system for editing a hypermedia work comprising a plurality of lexia, said hypermedia editing system comprising:

5   a display screen;

a contents map window displayed on said display screen, said contents map window displaying a portion of a contents map for said hypermedia work;

a plurality of freely movable lexia symbols displayed in said contents map window, each of said lexia symbols representing one of said plurality of

10   lexia of said hypermedia work;

a special function graphical element displayed in said contents map window, said special function graphical element applying a special function to any of said plurality of lexia symbols placed within a predetermined distance of said special function graphical element.